



City of Evansville, Wisconsin

Water & Light Superintendent

Community

A vibrant community with a sense of its history and a vision for its future, the City of Evansville is located in the northwestern corner of Rock County, close to both Dane and Green Counties. The city has grown rapidly, the fastest growing community in Rock County in each of the last three decades.

Evansville's convenient accessibility to the larger metropolitan areas of Madison and Janesville is a significant factor contributing to the city's growth. But when asked "Why Evansville," residents describe our strong sense of community, small town charm, exceptional public schools, clean and safe streets, a nice place to raise a family, and beautiful parks.



Evansville Community Partnership recognizes the importance of volunteers in making Evansville a better place for all of us

History

Settled in the 1840s, Evansville was originally referred to as "The Grove," a historical reference to a stand of trees just northwest of the city. The first to come to the Evansville area were mostly "Yankees," from Vermont, Ohio, and Western New York. Unlike many other growing communities on the western frontier, most of the first land buyers were settlers, not speculators.

The planned, not chance, pattern of growth provided an element of stability to the community in its early years. The emphasis on economic stability and social continuity that was established by Evansville's Yankee founders and their descendents is reflected in the residential and commercial streetscapes today.



Downtown holds to our appreciation of our history and small town charm

Evansville is a pioneer in the preservation of historic buildings with the creation of the Evansville Historic District being listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. Several individual properties have also been listed, and two additional, smaller historic districts were listed in 2011.

Today, Evansville has a reputation as an attractive "New England-like" small town that honors its past by preserving and protecting its historic buildings. The Wisconsin Historical Society has identified Evansville as home to "the finest collection of 1840s to 1915 architecture of any small town in Wisconsin."

Local Economy

Although most residents commute to jobs in the Madison and Janesville areas; Evansville maintains an economic base of manufacturing, local services and retail, and agriculture. Major employers include Evansville Community School District, Bluescope (Varco-Pruden) Buildings, Evansville Manor, Baker Manufacturing, Landmark Services Cooperative, and Stoughton Trailers. Stoughton Trailers re-opened its manufacturing facility in 2011.



Healthcare

Two medical clinics are located in Evansville. They are affiliated with Dean/St. Mary's Hospitals and Mercy Hospital. Evansville also has offices of specialty medical practitioners such as dentists and chiropractors. Seven hospitals within a half-hour, including Madison and Janesville, offer Evansville residents easy access to advanced specialty healthcare. Evansville Emergency Medical Service provides ambulance service for the city and surrounding rural areas.

Recreation

Enjoy the beauty of one of the finest public golf courses in southern Wisconsin. The Evansville Golf Club's 18 hole, par 72 golf course also offers a pro shop, restaurant, and driving range.

Evansville has over 66 acres of public parks offering picnicking, fishing, playgrounds, baseball and soccer fields, swimming pool, basketball and tennis courts, skateboard park, and natural areas. Leonard-Leota Park includes Lake Leota which was dredged in 2008-2009 to restore the lake for recreational use and wildlife habitat.

County parks nearby at Magnolia Bluff and Gibbs Lake provide scenic views, picnic and wildlife areas, cross-country ski/hiking trails, bridle paths for horseback riding, and a boat landing and fishing. The Evansville Wildlife Area is state managed land for public hunting and nature study.



Evansville celebrated the restoration of our beautiful Lake Leota in 2009



We kicked off summer 2010 with a movie screen showing of the Discover Wisconsin TV feature on Evansville,

It's been said that Evansville loves a party, and our big one is the Fourth of July celebration. The full 4-5 days of festivities include live music every evening, festival tent, games, fireworks, parade, historic tours, and ice cream social.

Residents gather often for concerts, festivals, and celebrations: Chocolate Extravaganza, Chili Cookoff, Energy Fair, Civil War Living History, Memorial Day Rally in the Alley, Community Theatre, Harvest Windmill Festival, Art Studio Tour, and Old Fashioned Christmas. The Farmers Market, Library, Grove Society, Masons, Lions, and other groups hold smaller activities throughout the year.

School

Evansville Community School District has 1788 students, grades k-12. We take pride in our small class sizes, our focus on the child as an individual, our comprehensive approach to academics, fine arts, physical fitness and technology integration, and most importantly, a caring and supportive learning environment. Evansville High School has a 92% graduation rate and ACT composite score of 22.3; it was named a US Department of Education "Blue Ribbon School" in 2006.

Housing

Evansville continues to be the fastest growing community in Rock County with a 2011 population of 5033. Median value of single family homes is about \$155,000. The city values its high rate of owner-occupied housing, with single-family houses comprising about 75% of all housing units. Multi-family and rental opportunities are also available, as well as facilities catering to seniors.

Green Energy Leader

Evansville is recognized as a green leader in Wisconsin and was selected as a 2009 Pilot Wisconsin Energy Independent Community. The community's agricultural tradition is the back-drop for a strong commitment to environmental stewardship. The annual spring energy fair is well-known regionally, and a number of renewable energy projects are located in the community.



100 kW wind turbine installed at wastewater treatment plant in 2010

Water & Light Utility

The City of Evansville operates under an elected City Council consisting of the mayor and eight alderpersons. An appointed city administrator is charged with day-to-day operations of the city. Three alderpersons are appointed to the Water & Light Committee to oversee the utility's management.

The utility distributes energy purchased through WPPI Energy, of which the city is a member-owner. Annual energy

usage is 67.7 million KWh. Two substations have a combined total transformer capacity of 17,500 kVA. The utility provides electric service to 3821 customers within the city and neighboring rural areas.

The utility operates three wells with a combined design pumping capacity of 2,200 gpm. Average daily pumpage is 355,000 gallons of water. The storage capacity of the water system is 300,000 gallons of elevated storage and 400,000 gallons in an underground reservoir. The utility provides water service to 2241 customers within the city.

The water and electric utilities are regulated by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. Evansville Water & Light has thirteen employees: two full-time office employees under the Finance Director and seven full-time and two part-time field employees under the Superintendent.

Superintendent: Desired Capabilities

Integrity

Fosters service-oriented culture with utility customers; follows city rules and keeps utility in regulatory compliance; earns respect through honest and ethical conduct.

Experienced Manager

Establishes clear direction for utility employees and keeps Water & Light Committee apprised of operations.

Positive Leader

Leads by example; supports employees and their professional development; has a sense of humor.

Collaborative

Maintains positive relations with vendors and contractors; participates and collaborates with other city departments.

Sound Judgment

Confident in making decisions; handles interruptions, breaks in routine, and last minute changes in a timely manner.

Attitude of Improvement

Assumes responsibilities beyond the basic written job description; open to new ideas; seeks opportunities for continuing improvement of utility.

Superintendent: Professional Opportunities

Reliable Service – The utility has invested in infrastructure improvements, predictive and preventive maintenance programs, and equipment maintenance. The city has set a goal of having existing efforts recognized and improved where appropriate with participation in the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) program.

Smart Metering – With WPPI Energy, the utility expects to upgrade to smart metering technology over the next few years. The Superintendent will be responsible for planning the metering transition: phasing, financing, and staffing.

Employees – The superintendent oversees seven full-time and two part-time employees.

With recent changes in state law affecting public employees, employees have a degree of anxiety and apprehension. The superintendent will assist in rebuilding management-employee relations with respect and honesty.

Capital Improvement Planning – The city has recently accomplished a series of electric utility improvements. Over the coming year, the Superintendent will work with the utility's consulting engineer in development of planning and phasing of the next round of 5-7 years infrastructure improvements.

Marketing and Information – The Superintendent will assist city office staff and WPPI Energy with development of consistent, clear, and useful dissemination of utility information to residential and business customers.



Hiring Announcement

Water & Light Superintendent – City of Evansville, WI (www.ci.evansville.wi.gov), seeks a full-time Water & Light Superintendent. Position reports to Water & Light Committee and is responsible for supervising and directing field operations of municipal water and electric utilities, including: (1) maintain and enhance positive relationships beyond the utility, (2) manage employees, (3) work to improve service quality and system reliability, (4) oversee utility finances, and (5) manage construction and maintenance projects. This is an FLSA exempt and non-represented position.

Five years of either water or electric utility experience (municipal preferred), three years supervisory experience, and excellent interpersonal and communication skills are required. Salary dependant upon qualifications, plus benefits. Full job description and position profile available on city website. Applications kept confidential upon request; all finalists subject to public release. Send letter of interest, resume, and four professional references postmarked by October 14, 2011, to Jodi Sam, Human Resources Administrator, PO Box 76, 31 S. Madison St., Evansville, WI 53536 or email to jodi.sam@ci.evansville.wi.gov.

Timeline

Position open until filled. Applications must be postmarked by October 14, 2011. Candidate interviews are tentatively scheduled for early November.

Additional information at www.ci.evansville.wi.gov